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TELEPHONE TOWER IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether mobile telephony services areas in a rural areas of Jharkhand are quite unsatisfactory and poor;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the mobile telephony services in the region; and

(d) the number of telephone towers installed in Jharkhand during the last three years, alongwith the location-wise, details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) based Cellular Mobile Telephone Service being provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is in general, working satisfactorily in Jharkhand including in its rural areas. However, there are few interruptions sometimes in long distance media due to various departmental activities like road widening etc by different agencies. These interruptions are attended to promptly. BSNL is augmenting its mobile network progressively so as to enhance coverage, capacity and to futher improve the Quality of Services (QoS). BSNL is also optimizing its network continuously for its performance. Monitoring of the network has also been strengthened to ensure performance as per the QoS parameters prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

(d) A statement indicating the location-wise number of towers installed in Jharkhand during the last three years by BSNL is given in the Annexure.